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Child Diseases
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of children infected with highly deadly diseases, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to start child disease specialist hospitals in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken up by the Government in this regard?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a)to (d): The most common infective cause of death of children in the country is pneumonia and diarrhoea. These diseases constitute 27% of Under-five mortality. The State-wise data on these diseases are not collated at centre level.
For strengthening Facility based Pediatric Care, Operational Guidelines for planning and implementation in District Hospitals has been disseminated to States.

In order to address child mortality due to these diseases, the health care providers are imparted training in Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses (IMNCI), provision of antibiotics and ORS packets besides creating awareness among people for preventing these illness. The Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) have been empowered to give pre-referral dose of Inj. Gentamicin in cases of suspected sepsis in young infant under specific situations. An Intensified Diarrhoea Control Fortnight (IDCF) is organized every year with the ultimate aim of zero child deaths due to childhood diarrhoea. The activities during IDCF include intensification of advocacy & awareness generation activities for diarrhoea management, strengthening service provision for diarrhoea case management, establishment of ORS-Zinc corners, prepositioning of ORS by ASHA to households with under-five children and awareness generation activities for sanitation & hygiene.